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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC DATA: ROBERT ADOLF FERRIER

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1. ROBERT ADOLF FERRIER, SURINAM'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF SURINAM'S PRESIDENT JOHAN FERRIER. BORN IN PARAMARIBO ON AUGUST 7, 1913, FERRIER HAS HAD A LONG CAREER IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE BEGINNING IN 1932 AND INCLUDING TEN YEARS (1952-62) AS SURINAM'S DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. FROM 1949-51, HE STUDIED POLITICAL ECONOMY AND STATISTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM.

2. FROM 1962 UNTIL SURINAM'S INDEPENDENCE IN NOVEMBER 1975, FERRIER SERVED WITH THE DUTCH PERMANENT MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. HE REPRESENTED SURINAM IN DUTCH DELEGATIONS TO A GATT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE (MAY 1963), UNCTAD I (1964), SEVERAL FAO MEETINGS ON THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF RICE (1964, 1966, 1972), AND EEC NEGOTIATIONS OVER : (A) THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UK, IRELAND, NORWAY, AND DENMARK; (B) AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REMAINING EFTA COUNTRIES; AND (C) THE LOME CONVENTION. IN 1970, HE WAS PROMOTED TO MINISTER EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENIARY IN THE DUTCH FOREIGN SERVICE, FROM WHICH HE RESIGNED LATE LAST YEAR IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE OPENING OF SURINAM'S OWN MISSION IN BRUSSELS.

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3. FERRIER, WHO BECAME A WIDOWER IN 1966, IS REPORTED AS HAVING FOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE SENDING SEPARATELY ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN DUTCH PROVIDED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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